



## Teaching Mitigation to Children

### Full Mitigation Best Practice Story

#### *State-wide, Utah*

**The State of Utah** - "The Urwin and Wufi Children's Adventure With Wildfire Coloring Book" was created in 1994 as an interagency effort between the Utah State Hazard Mitigation Program and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The book was created to educate children about wildfires and further their understanding of their role in future fires by learning ways to prevent them.

The story is about a squirrel named Urwin, who lives in the forest and knows about wildfire, and a dog named Wufi, who is new to the forest community.

Urwin teaches Wufi about wildfire and and it is through Urwin's lessons that the children and parents learn to live safely in their communities.

The program has gone to nearly every county in Utah and is being used in South Dakota as well. Several other states have inquired about using it.

The Urwin and Wufi coloring book can be found on the FEMA for Kids Web site with actual online coloring capability using color palettes and brushes. The program is currently available internationally and can be used in classrooms and at home with much less need for hard copies.

This program offers participating third graders a certificate entitled, "Friends of Urwin and Wufi", provided they color some pictures and take the book home to review with their parents.



#### Activity/Project Location

Geographical Area: **State-wide**

FEMA Region: **Region VIII**

State: **Utah**

#### Key Activity/Project Information

Sector: **Public**

Hazard Type: **Wildfire**

Activity/Project Type: **Education/Outreach/Public Awareness**

Activity/Project Start Date: **01/1994**

Activity/Project End Date: **Ongoing**

Funding Source: **Other FEMA funds/ US Department of Homeland Security**

### Activity/Project Economic Analysis

Cost: **Amount Not Available**

### Activity/Project Disaster Information

Mitigation Resulted From Federal  
Disaster? **Unknown**

Value Tested By Disaster? **Unknown**

Repetitive Loss Property? **Unknown**

### Reference URLs

Reference URL 1: [http://www.fema.gov/kids/games/colorbk/wildfire\\_color.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/games/colorbk/wildfire_color.htm)

Reference URL 2: <http://www.des.utah.gov/>

### Main Points

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